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2006 DC KIDS COUNT RIGHT START

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CONDITIONS OF BABIES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN AMERICA'S LARGEST CITIES (1990 - 2003)



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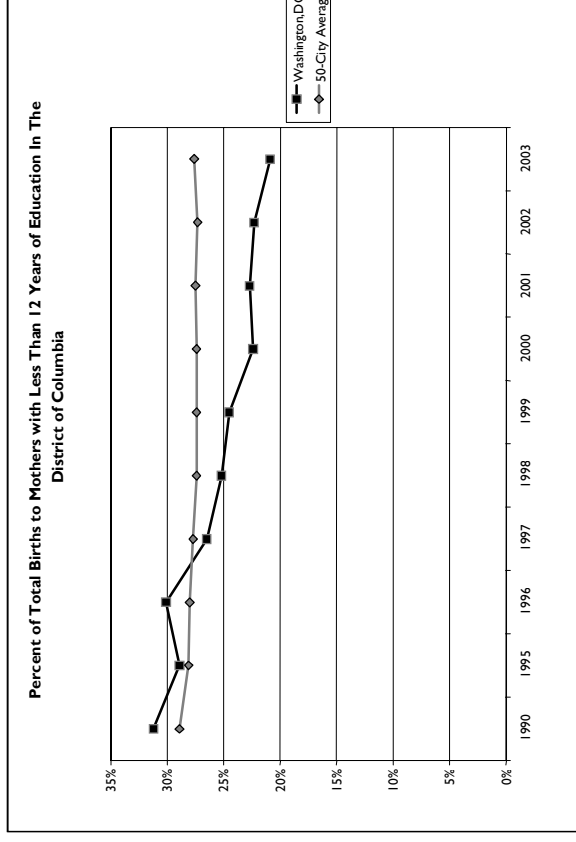
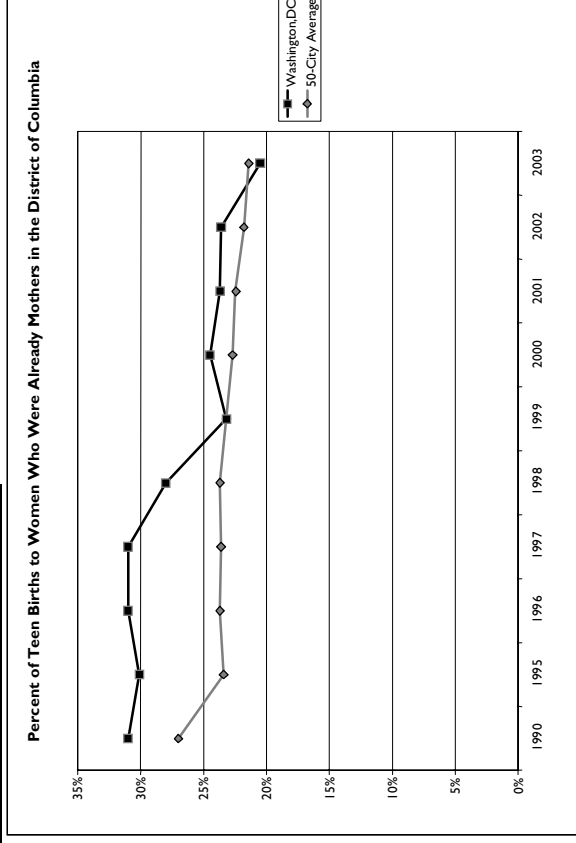
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Comparing DC's Right Start Trends to Other Cities

Areas of Encouragement

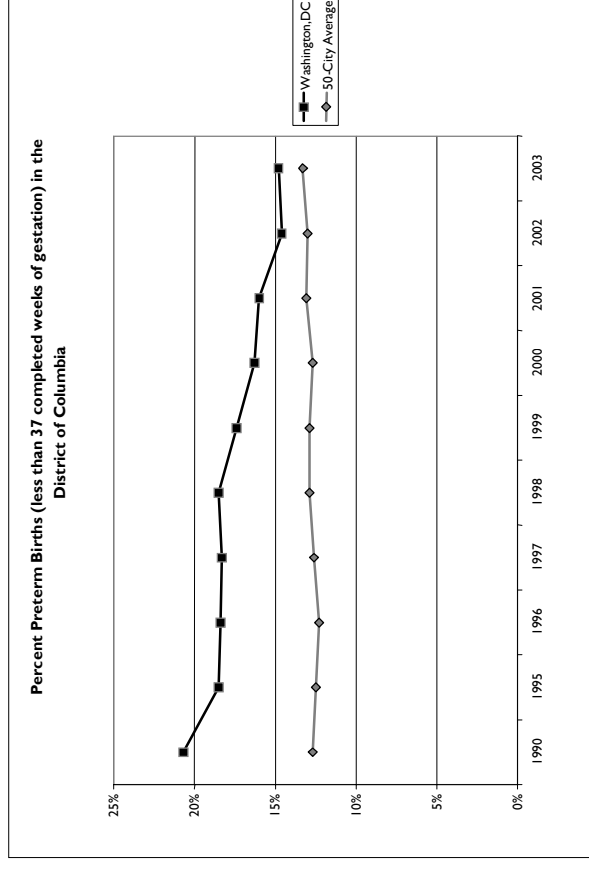
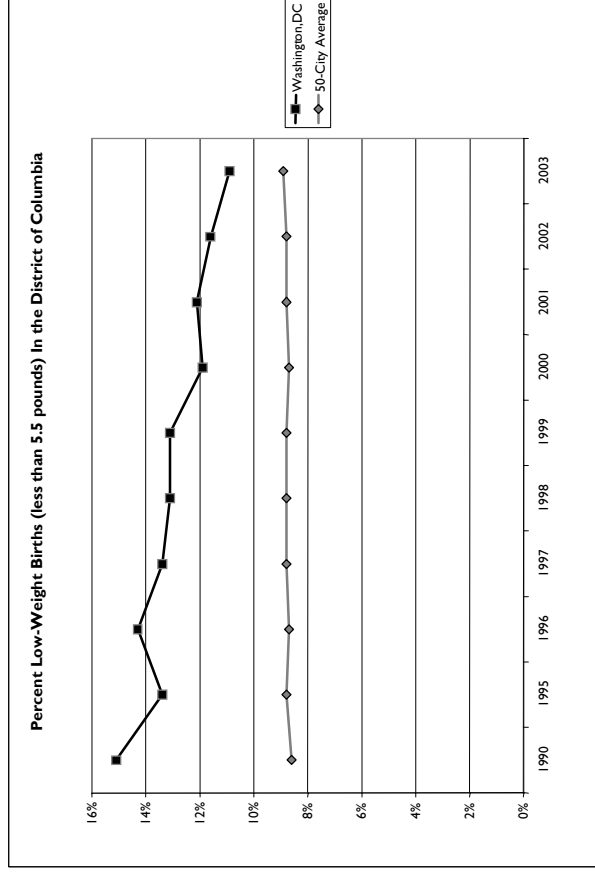


- **Percentage of total births to teens continues to decline.** This measure continued its decade long downward trend by declining from 12.7 to 12.1 in 2003.
- **Percent of teen births to women who were already mothers fell below the 50-City Average for the first time.** DC ranks 10th among the 50 largest cities as having the lowest percent of total births to mothers with less than 12 years of education and has been below the 50-City Average since 1997.
- **Percent of total births to mothers with less than 12 years of education remained well below the 50-City Average.**
- **Percentage of total births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy remained lower than the 50-City Average.** DC ranks 10th among the 50 largest cities as having the lowest percent of total births to women who smoked during pregnancy.

A Note About Data Sources:

Differences found on the reported data for the same indicator between the RIGHT START City Trends Report and the D.C. KIDS COUNT Fact Book are due to the difference in data sources. The RIGHT START City Trends Report utilizes birth certificate data compiled and provided by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). The D.C. KIDS COUNT Fact Book utilizes local sources to report data which is often more current than data that is available from national sources.

Areas of Concern



- **Despite improvements, Washington, DC is among the worst of the large cities on several birth indicators. DC ranked among the bottom ten** on four of eight measures for a healthy start in life.
- **Despite a decrease, the Percent of Low-weight Births remained well above the 50-City Average. DC ranked 42nd among the 50 largest cities.**
- **Percent of Preterm births slightly increased and remained higher than the 50-City Average. DC ranked 43rd among the 50 largest cities.**
- **Percent of Total Births to Mothers Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care decreased again but is still worse than the 50-City Average. Lack of prenatal care also negatively impacts the following two measures (preterm and low-weight births).**

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City Trends in Key Indicators, 1990-2003

Indicator	D.C. Ranking (among 50 largest cities, 2003)											
	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Percent of total births to teens	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	22	17.8	16.3	16.7	15.6	15.3	14.8	14.2	13.4	12.2	11.4
	<i>50-City Average</i>		15.4	15.3	15.1	14.9	14.3	13.8	13.3	12.7	12.1	
Percent of teen births to women who were already mothers	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	16	31.0	30.1	31.0	31.0	28.0	23.2	24.5	23.7	23.6	20.5
	<i>50-City Average</i>		27.0	23.4	23.7	23.6	23.7	23.2	22.7	22.5	21.8	21.4
Percent of total births to unmarried women	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	42	64.9	65.8	66.1	63.6	62.9	61.7	60.3	57.4	56.5	53.6
	<i>50-City Average</i>		40.8	42.8	42.7	43.0	43.3	43.5	43.4	43.4	43.9	44.3
Percent of total births to mothers with less than 12 years of education	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	10	31.2	28.9	30.1	26.5	25.2	24.5	22.4	22.7	22.3	20.9
	<i>50-City Average</i>		28.9	28.1	28.0	27.7	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.3	27.6
Percent of total births to mothers receiving late or no prenatal care	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	37	15.8	14.9	11.8	12.3	10.2	9.3	7.6	7.9	7.4	6.6
	<i>50-City Average</i>		8.6	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.1	4.9	4.9
Percent of total births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	10	16.3	8.3	7.0	5.5	4.8	3.8	2.6	3.7	3.9	3.7
	<i>50-City Average</i>		17.7	12.7	11.9	11.2	10.8	10.4	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.0
Percent low-weight births (less than 5.5 lbs)	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	42	15.1	13.4	14.3	13.4	13.1	13.1	11.9	12.1	11.6	10.9
	<i>50-City Average</i>		8.6	8.8	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.9
Percent preterm births (less than 37 completed weeks of gestation)	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	43	20.7	18.5	18.4	18.3	18.5	17.4	16.3	16.0	14.6	14.8
	<i>50-City Average</i>		12.7	12.5	12.3	12.6	12.9	12.9	12.7	13.1	13.0	13.3
Number of births by Race and Ethnicity of mother <i>Washington, D.C.</i>	Black (non-Hispanic)		9,030	6,736	6,131	5,677	5,435	5,116	5,108	4,805	4,563	4,570
	White (non-Hispanic)		1,640	1,354	1,247	1,274	1,314	1,411	1,463	1,687	1,733	1,844
	Hispanic		890	685	777	694	730	790	876	895	954	962
	Other		290	239	235	282	207	205	219	238	248	243
	Total		11,850	9,014	8,390	7,927	7,686	7,522	7,666	7,625	7,498	7,619